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De Valera Leads In Election

IRISH COALITION CHALLENGED

Dublin, May 31. Eamon de Valera's Fianna Fail Party gained a slender lead tonight in its race with the governing coalition for control of the Irish Republic's Dail (Parliament).

Both de Valera, New York-born former Prime Minister, and the coalition's head, Prime Minister John A. Costello, were re-elected.

County Clare voters returned de Valera, and Costello was one of three successful candidates in Dublin South-east.

Returns from yesterday's general election were still too scattered to denote a trend. Results tabulated thus far: Fianna Fail Party seats won, 29.

Coalition: Fine Gael seats won, 12. Labour seats won, 2. Farmers (Clann na Talmhu) seats won, 3. Republican (Clann na Poblachta), 0.

Independents seats won, 2. Another independent was elected in a Dublin constituency, but he cannot be classed as pro-coalition. This successful candidate, Dr. M. C. Browne, formerly was Health Minister in Costello's Cabinet.

HEALTH PLAN DISPUTE Dr. Browne resigned from the Cabinet and from the Republican Party several weeks ago in the wake of a controversy over his "mother and child" health plan. This dispute was one of the factors leading to the election.

Dr. Browne won in the constituency, Dublin-South-east, which returned Costello to the Dail. The third successful candidate there was a Fianna Fail man.

There are 146 seats at stake. Costello's chance of staying in as Prime Minister rests largely on the showing of his Fine Gael Party, the strongest political organization in the coalition.

It will be a couple of days before the nation knows whether Fianna Fail has won a clear majority or whether Costello's coalition will remain in office.

De Valera has said he wants no part of a coalition.

His Fianna Fail candidates are running against the field. Associated Press.

Honoured By University



Honorary Degree For Dr Ride

Dr L. T. Ride, Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, is to be honoured by the University of Toronto.

When he arrives in Toronto on June 8 he will be awarded an honorary LL.D. degree.

Dr Ride leaves today for London, via Canada, to attend meetings of the Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies.

He is one of the two representatives of Colonial universities on this Council which advises the Colonial Office on all matters concerning higher education in the Colonies.

While in the United Kingdom he will represent the University of Hongkong at the 600th anniversary celebrations of the University of Glasgow. These celebrations will be honoured by a visit from the King and Queen on Thursday, June 21.

Dr Ride expects to be away from Hongkong for about two months.

STEAMER IN TROUBLE

London, May 31. The 1,374-ton Bombay registered steamer, Jayhind, was reported by Lloyds today to be drifting and listing badly in the Indian Ocean west of Colombo.

The British 8,463-ton tanker, British Harmony, was alongside. Reuter.

Big Operation By Police And Military In New Territories

100 PEOPLE DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING

In what is officially known as "Operation Ferret," large contingents of Police, later assisted by about 100 troops from the 20th Division, this morning started to comb the hills and valleys in the New Territories. By 12.30 p.m., 100 people had been arrested, questioned on the spot, and subsequently sent to Tsun Wan police station for further interrogation.

A Police official this morning said that "Operation Ferret" was a routine combined manoeuvre by Police and Army, but it is also believed to be associated with the search for gangsters who assassinated two police constables at Tsun Wan last Monday night.

In any event the operation is one of the most spectacular ever carried out in the Colony. All Police officers alerted to take part were in uniform, including detectives. And everybody was well armed.

Police in Kowloon were alerted for the operation at midnight. They stood by until half past four and then moved off into the New Territories.

They were accompanied by ambulances. Police started moving into the New Territories hills in the Taimoshan and Fuyung-shan districts at 6 o'clock this morning.

One hundred soldiers were deployed along the roadsides ready to move into action when required.

Police started moving into the New Territories hills in the Taimoshan and Fuyung-shan districts at 6 o'clock this morning.

They operated in groups of ten and searched all houses in the vicinity.

With them were four or five radio patrol cars, and radio communications were established by means of walkie-talkies between the foot patrols and the radio cars.

Simultaneously with the house-to-house search and the combing of the hills, Police started a thorough search of pedestrians on the highways.

By 6 o'clock about 20 people had been arrested, taken to the roadside HQ and questioned. After statements had been taken from them they were sent to Tsun Wan police station for further questioning.

At 10 o'clock the military came into the picture and moved into the hills armed with ten guns, rifles, gas guns, and equipped with walkie-talkie sets.

An hour later Police on the Hongkong side of the harbour were alerted and told to stand by to join the operations. "Operation Ferret" was still being carried out at midday, despite the heavy rain.

ARRESTS MOUNT

By 12.30 this morning at least 100 people had been rounded up, but no arms had been discovered.

Those arrested have now been taken in trucks to the detention camp in Chaiwan Road where they will be questioned.

It is estimated that upwards of 500 men are taking part in the operation of which some 300 are Police.

Police and military have established communication centres and mobile headquarters in strategic parts of the New Territories.

Korea War Latest

Allies Advance In The Mud

Eight Army HQ, June 1. Allied doughboys attacking through fields of mud during a heavy rainstorm pushed further into North Korea on Thursday against increasingly stiff Communist resistance.

The United Nations Eighth Army was 30 miles above the 38th Parallel on the eastern front.

Yangu on the eastern tip of the Hwachon reservoir was entered by a tank infantry team, but the Allied unit was forced to withdraw under powerful counter assaults.

Strong Allied tank forces battled bad weather and determined enemy defence lines to push north of Chipo-ri, Hwachon and Inje. Heavy rains virtually eliminated air support for a brief period in the afternoon, an Eighth Army spokesman said. However, the air drops continued despite the weather handicap.

Reports from the front today said the rain was continuing but was not as heavy as downpours as yesterday. United Press.

Rebels' Assault Beaten Back

Hanoi, May 31.

French and loyal Vietnamese forces threw back the three-day assault on the southern edge of the vital Red River delta made by some 40,000 crack Communist-led Vietminh troops, a French communique announced tonight.

French paratroopers and other reinforcements intervened to help force back the Vietminh attack on the line of key French posts southeast of Hanoi.

According to some of the defenders, orders were heard being given to Communist forces in French, German and English during the fighting and there was speculation that elements of an "international brigade" took part in the action. There was no official confirmation.

Observers speculated that the object of the big assault was to take Ninh Binh, which controls the only road to the industrial centre of Nam Dinh and also Phat Diem, 80 miles southeast of Hanoi and a strongly Catholic area, where the rice harvest is in progress.

Rebels descending from their mountain strongholds threw their crack units against 3,000 defenders in the line of key posts. The main attacks were in the Ninh Binh and Phat Diem sector and began on the night of May 28. Ninh Binh was protected by three posts and a unit of Navy commandos. The commandos retreated into a local church and in a bloody combat fought to their last bullet. Three-fourths of the unit were believed killed or missing.

Reinforcements arrived on the 29th, including Lieutenant de Tassigny's unit, but Vietminh received reinforcements also and launched another assault that night. Posts on the rocky high ground held against wave on wave of fanatical assaults. Young de Tassigny was killed by a mortar shell while aiding in the defence of a post.

The rebels used mortar support, automatic weapons and heavy bazookas in their attacks. Only on Wednesday did more reinforcements succeed in cutting their way through to the rescue of the beleaguered posts. Wednesday night was relatively calm. United Press.

MR BEN GURION LEAVES US

New York, May 31. The Israeli Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, sailed aboard the Queen Mary today for Cherbourg, accompanied by his wife and a large party. United Press.

ROMANCE ENDING



Clark Gable and his wife.

Clark Gable's Wife Files Divorce Suit

Santa Monica, Calif., May 31.

Mrs Clark Gable, the former Lady Sylvia Stanley, filed suit for divorce here today against the film star Clark Gable on charges of mental cruelty.

The complaint was made at the deputy county clerk's office, in this beach town 10 miles from Hollywood, by the noted criminal attorney Jerry Giesler. The brief petition merely asked that a decree be granted on charges of mental cruelty, which were not specified. She also asked for an equitable property settlement, but did not state her demands.

The complaint said they were married on December 20, 1949, and separated last Saturday after a marriage of one year five months and six days.

Gable was working on the set of "Long Star" at M-G-M when his wife filed the suit. Asked if he had anything to say about the action, he issued a curt "no comment" and went back to making movie love to Ava Gardner.

Mrs Gable's brother-in-law, Basil Breck, issued a statement on her behalf in which he said: "Mrs Clark Gable today filed suit for divorce in Santa Monica, Mrs Gable has taken this step with the deepest reluctance and under severe pressure and only after it became evident to her that all her efforts for reconciliation were fruitless. She has been advised by her doctor to have absolute quiet and rest and sailed today with her friend, Mrs George Vanderbilt, on a fishing expedition for scientific purposes."

WIFE'S 'ANTICS'

Breck refused to say where she left the name of her ship or where the "scientific expedition" was heading. When pressed for details of her departure, he said simply, "That is the statement she authorized and that is all there is to say."

Veteran party-goers who asked to remain nameless said Sylvia's antics, at movie slings and darts, embarrassed her actor husband considerably. "I re-

Thieves Make Haul Of Furs

Walton, Surrey, May 31. Thieves broke into the English home of Sir Pratap Singh, deposed Maharajah of Baroda, here today and stole three fur coats worth £20,000.

Furs worth several thousand pounds sterling were stolen on Tuesday from the home of the late Maharajah of Rajppla at Windsor, 30 miles further up the River Thames.

The Maharajah, who was asleep in the house at the time, is mourning her husband. He died a month ago. Reuter.

UN Troops Capture Russian Equipment

From Cyril Aynsley

8th Army HQ, May 31. More Russian equipment is being discovered in Korea as the United Nations forces continue to hammer out the delaying tactics of the Communists.

In addition to two Russian machine-guns found in the Hwachon area yesterday it was reported tonight that 13 Russian trucks loaded with tyres and ammunition had been discovered near Yongong-ni.

A further haul pulled in by United Nations troops was a supply dump containing 9,000 Chinese Army fatigue uniforms. The battered Chinese army is putting up a stiff show of resistance but an Army spokesman here today described it at all points as "delaying tactics."

United Nations artillery is continuing to blast groups of Chinese who have been ordered to stand and fight and the casualty toll continues to mount.

Between breakfast and supper yesterday 659 Communists were killed and 79 captured in the Yongong-ni area.

But generally, as June begins and the first anniversary of the war's outbreak approaches, another characteristic lull between battles has arrived. London Express Service.

NO PEACE MOVES

New York, May 31. Neither the United Nations Good Offices Committee nor the 14-nation Committee which meets in Washington appear to be contemplating any new moves for peace in Korea, spokesmen for these two groups said today.

Rumours that peace moves were being made in Korea were strong last week.

During June it is thought that the Security Council will be prevented from taking any action in Korea.

Mr Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate, becomes President tomorrow (Friday). In August last year he successfully used delaying tactics. Reuter.

PETAIN SINKING SLOWLY

He d'Yeu, May 31. Ex-Marshall Philippe Petain, 95-year-old former head of the Vichy Government, is sinking slowly, his two doctors announced today. The doctors made their announcement after their bi-weekly consultation at the island fortress where the ex-Marshall is serving a life sentence for collaboration with the Germans. Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Reassuring Atmosphere

AS it had to be, with goodwill and a good sense prevailing, Britain and the United States are today close to complete agreement on final plans for a peace settlement with Japan. A few minor differences probably remain, particularly in reference to the position of China in the broad scheme of things, but no doubt is entertained that next week's discussions at the Foreign Office will bring opposing views into line, on the basis almost certainly that the political upheaval in the Far East justifies leaving Chinese participation for the time being in abeyance. Much more important fundamentally than the exact method of achieving understanding, of course, is the basic intent to agree. Quite obvious today is a reassuringly improved atmosphere guaranteeing general harmony, a deep trend towards agreement in all areas of policy, and notably in respect to the Far East. At the present time, the United States and Britain are, in fact, actually nearer to full accord on Asiatic policy than they have been at any previous time in the last year. There have been gradual shifts of ground on both sides of the Atlantic, apt to be overlooked in the clamour about cleavage. The realistic approach to the problem of Formosa's future and to the rights of China while Chinese troops are involved in the Korea war is indicative. In any case, the clamour comes chiefly from extremists on both sides. In Britain, the extreme Left has sought to suggest that the United States was trying to precipitate a general war in East Asia, to the detriment of the defence of Europe. In America, the professional Anglophobes have alleged formal British policy to give aid to the aggressors. Neither suggestion was true, and events have proved their falsity. The United States recalled General MacArthur in what was, in

effect, an official declaration of policy in favour of strict limitation on Korean hostilities. The commitment against enlargement of the struggle could hardly have been plainer. On the British side, the United Kingdom has readily joined in an embargo on all strategic materials to Communist China. It has clamped down on rubber shipments from Singapore and through Hongkong. It has declared that the Formosa issue is not germane to the discussions on Korea. If a major difference obtrudes, it is only that concerning Britain's readiness to recognise the Peking regime, and the blunt refusal of the United States to contemplate following suit. This divergence, however, is becoming more academic as time goes on. Britain's gesture seventeen months ago, months before the Korea affair, has not led to anything remotely resembling normal diplomatic relations. In point of fact, six additional British consulates have recently been closed. The real crux of the recognition issue is whether Britain would be prepared to sponsor Peking's entry into the United Nations, and it has been quite apparent in official utterances from London that Britain has no intention of espousing the cause of an aggressor. Force of circumstances, in short, has combined with good sense to bring Britons and Americans closer together. That happy state of affairs is not likely to be impeded by a few wild words in either country. Neither will be expected to standardise ideas, as they have standardised so many weapons of war. Similarly, there can be no strictures upon the right of any Briton or American to speak his mind. What is suggested is that the enormous area of mutual agreement can serve to keep differences of opinion in something like a healthy perspective.

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Defence Chiefs To Meet

London, May 31.
The Defence Ministers of
Britain, Australia, New
Zealand, South Africa and
Southern Rhodesia are to
meet here next month,
the Ministry of Defence an-
nounced tonight.
Their conference will
open on June 21. Defence
problems arising in regions
of common concern to
these countries, including
the Middle East, will be
considered.
Consequential questions
of equipment and training
which are of mutual in-
terest will also be discus-
sed.
Canada will be repre-
sented by an observer—
Reuter.

British Approach To Egypt

NEW NOTE BEING
CONSIDERED

London, May 31.
The Cabinet today consid-
ered a new approach to
Egypt in connection with the
interrupted talks on revision
of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian
treaty, it was understood in
usually well-informed quar-
ters here.

It was thought that a note
replying to the Egyptian one
of a month ago, which rejected
British proposals for resuming
the suspended treaty revision
talks, would be delivered in
Cairo within the next fortnight.

Observers here are hopeful
that the new British move would
at last start to get the treaty
talks restarted.

There is no doubt here, how-
ever, that Mr Herbert Morrison
as the new Foreign Secretary,
genuinely desires to secure a
revised and mutually satisfac-
tory treaty with Egypt.

Conversations in London
between the Egyptian Foreign
Minister, Salah el Din Bey, and
the then British Foreign Secre-
tary, the late Mr Ernest Bevin,
made some progress toward
understanding last December.

The current exchanges
between Britain and Egypt aim
at securing a resumption of
these talks.

If a suitable basis for the
second phase of negotiations can
be found it is expected that
Salah el Din Bey will come to
London for talks with Mr
Morrison.—Reuter.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS IN LONDON



Mr Douglas Fairbanks with his wife in a London crowd. They attended the first night of Caesar and Cleopatra at St. James's Theatre.—London Express Service.

Britain Diverting Shipping Supplies To India

London, May 31.
Mr Patrick Gordon Walker, Minister for
Commonwealth Relations, said today that Britain
had diverted 84 ships to carry vital grains to Indian
ports during the Indian food crisis.

He told the House of Commons that Britain,
as a large importer of food herself, had not been
able to send food relief to India since the end of
1950, when 43,000 tons of Australian wheat bound
for Britain was diverted to India.

India had not asked Brit-
ain for food and had thank-
ed the British Government
and people for aid in ship-
ping. In the past few
months alone 750,000 tons
of shipping space had been
made available to India—
shipping space that could
have been used in Britain's
export-import programme.

Sixty ships had been di-
verted from the Australian and
North American runs to aid
India and more were being
made available to carry grain
from Australia to India.

The Minister recalled that
recently the Indian Food
Ministry announced that the
local Spring harvest, combined
with grain arrivals from many
parts of the world, had almost
doubled the supplies held in
January.

He added: "We much hope
the more favourable trend in
the position will be maintained
and India will emerge speedily
from the very difficult position
in which she has found her-
self."—United Press.

CANADA'S OFFER

Ottawa, May 31.
India has rejected a Cana-
dian offer to supply low grade
wheat for India's famine-
threatened areas at no cost.

External Affairs Minister
Lester B. Pearson said the
Canadian Government is now
considering other methods of
helping India.

He recalled this was the
second time that India had
turned down a Canadian pro-
posal of aid.

Mr Pearson understood there
were sound technical reasons
why the wheat—offered free—
was unacceptable. One possible
reason, he said, is an Indian
arrangement with a nearby
country (Red China) for quan-

WASHINGTON, MAY 31.

Horace Holmes, United States
agriculture adviser for
Hongkong to China, said today
that India will become self-supporting
in food within 12 years under the
assistance of American farm
specialists.

Mr Holmes is an Agriculture
Department employee on loan
to the Indian Government under
the Point Four programme. He
returned from New Delhi this
week after two years of field
work in India's famine areas.

He said a trial in small areas
has already shown that the pro-
duction of wheat and potatoes
can be doubled.

The lack of transportation and
communications has been a
serious handicap to workers in
spreading information on better
farming practices. "But it is
possible to place India on a
self-supporting basis within 12
years by teaching farmers the
value of good seed and soil fer-
tilization."—United Press.

Russians Could Call Off The Korean War Any Time—Sherman

Washington, May 31.

Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, United States Chief of Naval Operations, said today that the Soviet Union could call off the war in Korea at any time, and might be inclined to do so as the United States became stronger.

Admiral Sherman said this when questioned for the second day during the Senate inquiry into the dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur. Senator Lodge said that the United States was not sufficiently strong at the present time to put such pressure on the Kremlin.

"I do not think that we
are sufficiently strong to
make it effective," Ad-
miral Sherman said.

Admiral Sherman disclosed
that the British asked him last
summer if they should send
more ships to Korean waters.
Admiral Sherman said he
replied in the negative because
Allied strength in the Medi-
terranean was thin and should
not be further weakened.
Democratic Senator John
Sparkman read Admiral Sher-
man's May 10 which quoted
General MacArthur's chief
aide, Major-General Courtney
Whitney as saying in New York
that General MacArthur
thought until Jan. 13 that
Washington wanted the United
States forces to be evacuated
from Korea; and thus made a
scapegoat for some political
advantage.

Admiral Sherman snapped:
"I think that is an unwarranted
accusation against responsible
authorities in the Government."
When questioned about Red
China's relationship with Rus-
sia, Admiral Sherman thought
the Chinese leader, Mao Tse-
tung, was under practically
direct Russian control. He did
not know how firm that control
was or how long it could be
maintained so far as the
Chinese people were concerned.
There was some hope that the
Chinese of South China might
not be completely subservient
to Communist control.

NAVAL BLOCKADE

Reverting to the subject of a
naval blockade of the China
coast, Senator Alexander Smith
asked if Britain because of its
trade with Hongkong was not
the one United Nations coun-
try objecting to a naval
blockade.

Admiral Sherman replied he
was not familiar with that
matter.

When Senator Smith asked
if any other ally except Britain
opposed a naval blockade,
Admiral Sherman replied: "Not
that I know, sir." He added,
however, that a naval blockade
had become timely only now
that there has been agreement
on an economic blockade.

The Admiral was asked if it
was not true that some Allied
nations, by furnishing war ma-
terials to Communist China, had
outweighed their contribution
in troops to the fighting in
Korea.

Admiral Sherman, who told
yesterday of trucks shipped from
Hongkong to China, said it was
difficult for him to translate
trucks into troops, but he ad-
ded, "The effect is certainly in
that direction."

"ALERT" ISSUED

Admiral Sherman testified
that he did not know of any
member of the United Nations
other than Britain, which was
opposing a naval blockade of
Communist China.

This was in reply to questions
from Senator Smith, who said he
believed Britain wanted to pro-
tect her trade between Hongkong
and China.

Senator Saltonstall asked
whether the Chinese Nationalists
could move onto the Chinese
mainland without help from the
United States Navy.

Admiral Sherman said they
could conduct minor operations
but could not operate on a large
scale. He added: "And to the
degree conditions become un-
settled on the mainland the
capabilities of the Chinese
Nationalists to conduct minor
operations would increase."

Admiral Sherman disclosed
that the military Chiefs of Staff,
concerned by the setbacks in
Korea last December, alerted
the American military com-
manders to the greatly increased
danger of general war. He
made public a message in which

GLOOMY VIEW

Under questioning by Senator
Wayne Morse (Republican),
Admiral Sherman agreed that
the Chiefs issued a worldwide
alert as a result of General
MacArthur's gloomy view that
his forces might be driven out
of Korea. Senator Morse read
into the record this portion of
a compilation of records pre-
pared by the Joint Chiefs:

"On Dec. 6, 1950, the Joint
Chiefs of Staff informed all
united commanders including
the C-in-CFE (MacArthur) that
they considered the situation in
Korea had greatly increased the
possibility of general war. Ac-
cordingly, they directed ad-
dressees to take action to in-
crease their readiness without
creating an atmosphere of
alarm."

Senator Morse also read into
the Committee's public record
an account of General Collins'
visit to MacArthur which put
the commander's pessimistic views
in a slightly different light. In
that account, General Collins
reported that General Mac-
Arthur felt the restrictions on
his use of sea and air power
presented essentially a surren-
der and while an armistice
would be helpful it was not
essential. General Collins re-
ported that in their final talk
MacArthur said, "Our forces
would have to be withdrawn
from Korea but we should not
be precipitate in seeking an
armistice," because the 8th
Army and 10th Corps could be
safely withdrawn with or
without an armistice, through
Pusan and Hungnam.

General Collins reported that
MacArthur believed all or the
major part of imitations placed
on his command should be en-
ded while the command remained
under strong Chinese Com-
munist attack. General Collins
listed MacArthur's proposals as:

MACARTHUR PLAN

1. Effective naval blockade of
China.

2. Air reconnaissance and
bombardment of the Chinese
mainland.

3. Maximum employment of
Chinese Nationalist forces.

Granted authority to take
these steps, MacArthur thought,
United Nations forces should
continue to hold the best pos-
sible positions in Korea, General
Collins told his colleagues. His
report also showed what Mac-
Arthur planned to join the 10th
Corps and 8th Army, separated
by a gap through which the
Communists were pouring. If
Washington removed restric-
tions on the kind of war he
could fight.

Admiral Sherman told the
Committee that the document
read by Senator Morse was
the text of a report General
Collins prepared either in
Tokyo or in his plane on his
way home. In view of the
Dec. 6 alert order, President
Truman the same day directed
all military commanders to
reduce the number of public
speeches pertaining to foreign
policy and to clear all state-
ments on policy with Washing-
ton before publication.

This was the Presidential
order which Administration
witnesses have said MacArthur
later violated in publishing
his dissension from official
policy. They cited this as one
reason for his removal from
the command.

RUSSIAN ABILITY TO WAGE WAR

Questioned on reasons for
MacArthur's dismissal, Admiral
Sherman said: "Throughout
this period, conduct of affairs
was made difficult by lack of
responsiveness by MacArthur
to the obvious intentions of

directives which were trans-
mitted out there and a ten-
dency to debate and in some
cases to criticize."

Admiral Sherman believed
Russia's ability to fight a Far
Eastern war would decline
steadily from the opening day
of such an operation because
of transport difficulties. He
also considered Russian oil
reserves in the Far East in-
adequate to maintain a lengthy
operation.

On the other hand, he dis-
closed that he told the former
Secretary of Defense, Mr Louis
Johnson, last August that, if
possible, "sooner or later we
should get out of the business
of fighting on the Asiatic main-
land" because it would absorb
a good deal of the nation's
military potential.

Senator Alexander Smith (Re-
publican, New Jersey) told Ad-
miral Sherman that he did not
believe General MacArthur
alone represented an "apostle of
gloom" in the Korean situation
in December.

Admiral Sherman conceded
that the Joint Chiefs of Staff
felt the same way, but contend-
ed that their feeling was in-
fluenced by messages from
General MacArthur.

He was also questioned about
the appointment of an American
head of the Atlantic Pact Naval
Command in the Mediterranean.
He declared he thought it quite
important that an American
should hold that Command—
United Press and Reuter.

Ten Nations Have Doubts

ABOUT EXTENDING
ATLANTIC PACT

London, May 31.
Ten nations have ex-
pressed doubts about the
wisdom of bringing the
Turks and Greeks into the
Atlantic Pact, informed offi-
cials reported today.

The said the United States
and Italy have come out in
favour of admitting Turkey and
Greece into the 12-nation
alliance.

Turkey and Greece are al-
ready associate members of the
Atlantic Pact.

They can only become full
members with the consent of
all 12 allies.

The United States formally
proposed admitting them early
this month, arguing that would
be the best way of guarding
their security.

Since then the question has
been considered by the Atlantic
Council of Deputies.

Both in formal and informal
talks, all the allies aside from
the United States and Italy
have expressed a reluctance
to accept the American idea.

Britain has made it clear she
will not oppose Greek and
Turkish admission if a majority
of the allies want them in.
But she has also indicated she
is reluctant to do so.—Asso-
ciated Press.

PILGRIM SHIP

Baltimore, May 31.
The Federal Maritime Ad-
ministration has approved the
sale of the S.S. San Francisco,
8,582 gross tons, to Djakarta
Lloyd of Jakarta, Indonesia.

The firm will use the 32-year-
old vessel to transport Indo-
nesian pilgrims to Mecca, Holy
City of the Moslems.

The ship has been tied up
here since 1948. The sale had
to be approved by the State
and Defense Departments. The
Maritime Administration's ap-
proval was the final one.—
Associated Press.

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REVOLT AGAINST THE PERSIAN PRIME MINISTER IN THE MAJLIS

Mossadeq Meets Debacle In Hectic Session Of House

(This despatch, by Sefton Delmer, is probably the last message from Teheran by the Daily Express chief foreign reporter, who was ordered to quit Persia within 24 hours for "insulting the Persian nation.")

London, May 31.

The revolt against the regime of oil nationaliser Dr Mohammed Mossadeq reached a new high point this morning when the Premier appeared before a closed session of the Majlis.

His intention was to give an account of what he and his colleagues have so far done to put oil nationalisation into practice and then to ask the Majlis for a vote of confidence.

He never got that vote. For before he could put the motion, hostile and critical Deputies got up and strolled out of the House.

Eniwetok Atomic Tests

Washington, May 31.

One of the least spectacular phases of this spring's Eniwetok atomic tests may produce the earliest battlefield results.

So far as the public knows, only three atomic bombs in history have been delivered to a target by plane—two in World War II and the third at Bikini in 1946. In each of these instances delivery was by a B-29 flying at around 20,000 feet. The bomb, falling in a curve ahead of the point where it was released, exploded 18,000 feet or more below and to escape damage by atomic blast the delivery plane banked sharply, dived a few thousand feet to pick up speed and then sped away. In each case the occupants of the plane felt a smart thump as the shock wave caught up with their Superfort. That kind of delivery would probably be standard for bombing of cities in a future war, but for tactical bombing of battlefield targets it would be risky and perhaps ineffective.

Congressional sources said atom bombs have been developed for tactical delivery by planes smaller than the Superfort, possibly fast jet-driven attack bombers. General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, has also spoken of accurate delivery techniques making it possible to launch atom bombs "close to our own troops" without endangering them.

For such precision work and to avoid enemy ground fire, the delivery plane would presumably fly much lower than 20,000 feet. The question is, could it drop its cargo and be far away enough before the bomb went off? These problems and others were believed to be under study. —United Press.

The Premier himself was badly upset by this demonstration as well as by the criticism and heckling that had preceded it. His face went blue, as anger and frustration put his ailing heart under excessive strain.

He staggered from the rostrum. As he left the hall the debate was adjourned till Sunday.

Now the important thing about today's Mossadeq debacle is that the attack being made on him came from Deputies who ostensibly criticised him for not going far or fast enough against the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

It is highly probable, however, from what I learn, that the motives of the Opposition are quite different. They want to bring about the fall of the Mossadeq Government and thus at the last minute arrest the race towards disaster. For, if Mossadeq goes, his extremists go with him.

It is probably true that his successor would be a man capable of doing a deal with the British.

TREASURY EMPTY
Both the Shah and the Army leaders are very anxious over what things are shaping. They are particularly worried about the empty Treasury. The flow of oil royalties has ceased. There is no money to pay the Civil Servants. Promises by Mossadeq to make up arrears of pay—pay-outs were to have started yesterday—have not been kept.

In Teheran this morning I saw a crowd of angry school-teachers clamouring for their money outside the Ministry of Education. In the provinces the pay situation among Civil Servants is even more chaotic.

The truth is that the country just cannot afford the financial delay which long litigation with the British would impose before the nationalised Persian oil company could start drawing any revenue. —London Express Service.

PARATROOPS TO SAIL
London, May 31.
Between 4,000 and 8,000 British paratroops—the Fire Brigade of the British army—sail

for the Middle East next week to cause any possible flare-up. The trouble-shooting 16th Independent Paratroop Brigade Group is destined for the fortress-island of Cyprus in the Eastern Mediterranean—less than 6,000 air miles from the turbulent oilfields of Southern Iran.

The sky-men, carrying full battle equipment, are due to sail in two aircraft carriers and a troopship on Tuesday or Wednesday. Their aircraft—mainly Hastings—will be waiting for them when they arrive about 10 days later.

The Brigade's mission officially is to strengthen Britain's Mediterranean garrison. But nobody here doubts it will go into action in Iran if British personnel and properties are attacked or seized.

Besides three airborne battalions, the group includes artillery, signals and medical units together with a regiment of light anti-aircraft gunners. Britain recently strengthened her fleet in the Mediterranean.

She alerted the 8,000-ton cruiser Mauritius on Wednesday to sail for Iran if needed for an evacuation or for any eventuality.

She is also quietly building up supplies of arms and equipment in the whole rest of the region. —Associated Press.

OFFER BY U.S.
New York, May 31.
American oil companies were stated today to have agreed to help out Britain and other European countries with petrol if oil supplies from Persia were drastically cut.

The Wall Street Journal, in a despatch from Washington, said that a plan sponsored by the Petroleum Administration for Defence called on American oil companies operating abroad to turn more of their output over to Britain and other European countries in case this occurred.

The report said that increased production in the United States and other petrol producing areas would be enough, temporarily, to make up for the loss of Persian oil.

But with defence and industrial needs increasing, the safety margin would be narrow—than was at first hoped. Complications that might arise if Persian supplies were cut off for very long were worrying Petroleum Administration officials. —Reuter.

ECA GRANTS TO ORIENT

Washington, May 31.
The ECA today announced the following allocations:
Nationalist China (Formosa)—\$1,996,000 for ocean transportation plus nitrogenous fertilizer from the U.S., Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands, Austria and West Germany.
Burma—\$1,121,000 for construction, mining and conveying equipment from the U.S., the Netherlands, Japan and United Kingdom.
Indo-China—\$41,000 for U.S. motor vehicles, industrial materials and scientific equipment.
Thailand—\$22,000 for U.S. motor vehicles.
Indonesia—\$9,000 for U.S. technical services. —Associated Press.

New Canadian Delegate

Ottawa, May 31.
Dr Egerton Norman, Canada's Far Eastern expert, was named today acting delegate to the United Nations to relieve J. W. Holmes. Mr. Holmes will return to Ottawa before taking on his new assignment on the direction staff of the National Defence College at Kingston.
Mr. Norman, 42, former head of the Canadian Liaison Mission in Tokyo, will go to New York immediately. —United Press.



Queen Mary last week took a look at the Festival of Britain Illuminations. Here she is seen leaving the Savoy Hotel for a drive along the Embankment. —London Express Service.

U.S. Prepared To Give Air Aid To NATO Powers

Minneapolis, May 31.

Most of the United States Air Force's tactical units, now more than 50 groups, will be available to the North Atlantic Treaty defence force, Mr Thomas K. Finletter, American Secretary for Air, said today.

Reds Take Beating In Elections

Rome, May 31.
Communists and their allies have lost control of at least half of the 1,770 North Italian communes they had governed since 1946, it was unofficially estimated tonight.

This is one of the few clear trends which have emerged so far from civic elections in 28 Northern provinces last Sunday and Monday.

In the absence of overall official results from the Ministry of the Interior, originally promised for yesterday, Italian newspapers were forced today to make their own estimates.

Each calculated in different and incomplete proportions of the 2,735 communes in the election area. Newspaper estimates of Communist losses ranged from 600 local councils to 705. Estimates of gains by the Western democratic parties varied from 240 to 380. —Reuter.

Rupee Not To Be Revalued

New Delhi, May 31.
According to informed sources today, an informal meeting of leading Members of Parliament, after hearing Finance Minister Chintaman Dwarakanath Doshi's pros and cons of a proposal to revalue the rupee, endorsed the Government of India's decision not to revalue mainly because the balance of payments position, which is satisfactory after devaluation, may be jeopardised by the present uncertain international trade trends.

The former Finance Minister, John Mathai, and several Members of Parliament urged the Government to revalue the rupee either 15 or 30 per cent, particularly after India's acceptance of the Pakistani exchange rate which is 44 per cent higher than the Indian rupee.

SIGNIFICANT BROADCAST BY PEKING

San Francisco, May 31.
The Peking radio said today that a Chinese Communist delegation back from the Korea front reported more planes, tanks, guns, anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank guns, trucks and cars were needed.

The broadcast was somewhat unusual since the Chinese Communists do not ordinarily advertise their weaknesses. The broadcast was in English. When Peking broadcasts for home consumption it is of course in the Chinese language. English broadcasts are for the world.

QUEEN MARY AT THE FESTIVAL



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Gloucester C.O. In Red Hands

London, May 31.
Lieutenant-Colonel J. P. Carne, Commander of the First Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment, was stated by the New China News Agency (Communist) today to be alive in Communist hands.

He was listed by the British War Office simply as missing after the Gloucesters' heroic stand in the Communists' Korean Spring offensive. —Reuter.

May Have Prevented World War

Montreal, May 31.
The United Nations victory in Korea may have prevented the outbreak of a third World War, according to the United States Under-Secretary of State, Mr James Webb.

Mr Webb told the Kiwanis Club at a luncheon today that Canada and the United States and their Atlantic Pact allies had thought their partnership in a treaty "would make it clear that we were not an easy prey to be picked off one by one—but Communist aggression ignored the warning."

"It struck by your own heroic sons and those we and other nations have sent. The first aggressive step that otherwise might have started the fires of a major war has been stopped in its tracks." —United Press.

JAYCEES' NEW CHAIRMAN

Montreal, May 31.
Philip Pugsley, of Montreal, took over from Ramon del Rosario, of the Philippines, today as President of International Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Pugsley, an accountant and professor at McGill University, was elected on Wednesday night, as the I.J.C.C. wound up its four-day convention here. —United Press.

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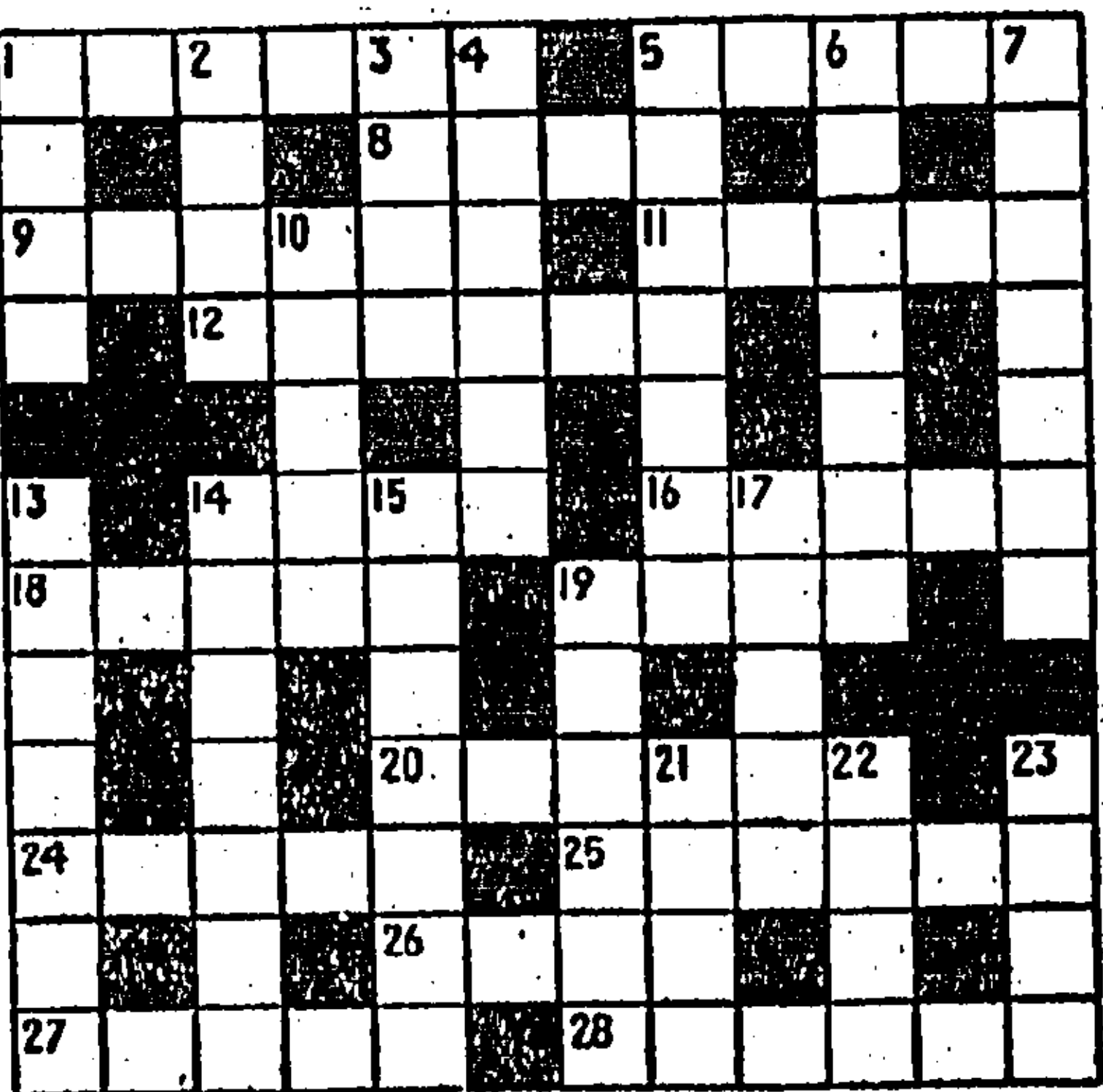
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16 Riding boat (6).
18 Compel (6).
19 Chief (4).
20 Hard feeling (6).
24 Teale (6).
25 Vehement speech (6).
26 Journey (4).
27 Judges (6).
28 Subside (6).
- DOWN**
1 Specimen (4).
2 Cordial (4).
3 Close by (4).
4 In abundance (6).
5 Opposite (7).
6 Affiliated (7).
7 Spire (7).
8 Subject (6).
9 Casual (7).
10 Grapple (7).
11 Plectra (7).
12 Talk nonsense (6).
13 Gap (6).
14 Mud (4).
15 Endure (6).
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Acute, 4 Silly, 7 Teale, 8 Bold, 10 Five, 12 Menaced, 15 Espel, 16 Turo, 17 Carry, 18 Alter, 20 Enigma, 21 Deal, 23 Swots, 24 Secret, 25 Chase, 26 Sound, Down: 1 Artifice, 2 Recovers, 3 Till, 5 Isolated, 6 Letter, 9 Bella, 11 Exploiter, 12 Meant, 13 Careered, 14 Dependent, 15 Answer, 16 Eye.

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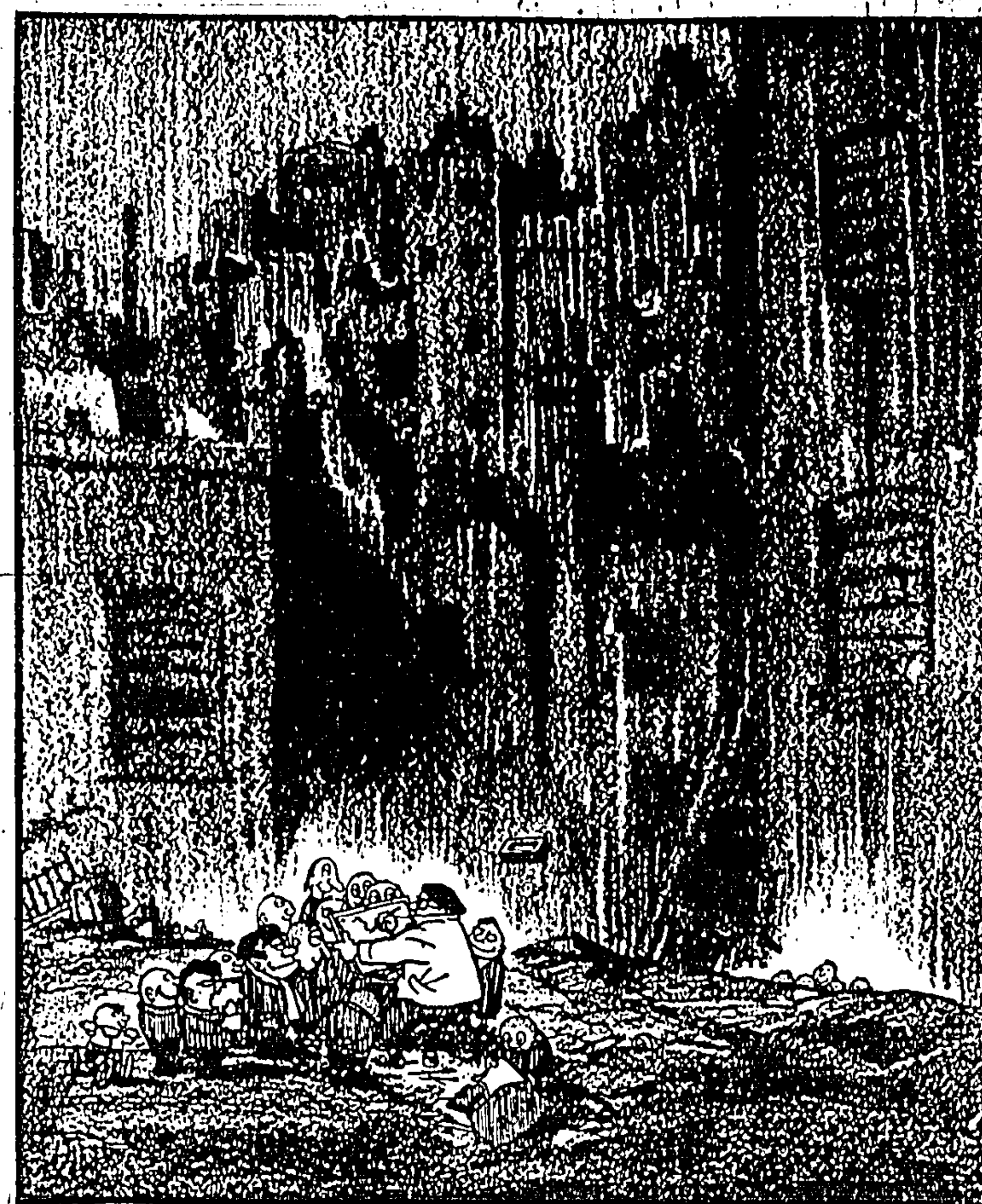
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'EGOTISTICAL' SIR MALCOLM CAMPBELL

A wife's frank facts about a husband

by ROBERT GLENTON

SHOULD a wife tell the most perfect son of a— it is possible to meet. There were bitter quarrels with his first wife. She left him after little more than a year when she found that all he really loved was himself, fast cars, and publicity.

Dorothy Lady Campbell has taken the risk.

The second of Sir Malcolm Campbell's three wives, she has now told the story of 20 years' life with the man the world adulated as the God of Speed. And she has been astonishingly frank.

The man the public knew so well with his hatchet-faced grin had very different facets to his character, known only to his most intimate friends and his wives. Dorothy Campbell was only a girl when she first met him at Brooklands in 1912. Malcolm Campbell was 27 and his car had just crashed badly.

Lady Campbell says:— "I remember marvelling how any man who had just looked death squarely in the face could remain so utterly calm and unconcerned.

"I had the impression that here was a man quite out of the ordinary. I had never encountered such self-abnegation."

Owed Great Deal

The next year Malcolm Campbell married his first wife. She was a wealthy woman, and to her he owed a great deal, for she bought him the racing cars he could never have afforded.

Says his second wife:— "Unfortunately, that marriage was not a success. From his earliest days he had been egotistical, supremely selfish, and entirely self-centred.

"Not that he had no finer points. He had. He could be kind, considerate, and generous." Someone once told him: "You are either the most charming person one can meet or you are the

most perfect son of a— it is possible to meet. There were bitter quarrels with his first wife. She left him after little more than a year when she found that all he really loved was himself, fast cars, and publicity.

In 1920 the second marriage took place. Dorothy Campbell is proud of her husband's greatness, his absolute refusal to be beaten, and his capacity for endless work as, year by year, he captured, lost, and recaptured the world's speed records on land and water. But she tells, too, how erratic he was.

Bitterly hard

"It is hard, in some ways bitterly hard, to recall those human weaknesses, which in private life often went a long way to discount those qualities of heart and mind which lead men to greatness."

Malcolm Campbell upheld the prestige of his country well and worthily. But there was another side to his personality.

"It was not long before it came home to me," Lady Campbell says, "that I had married a man who suffered from what may best be described as a temperament. One of the first discoveries was that he would go his own way and was no regard of either persons or circumstances."

A few days after their marriage the Campbells arranged a little celebration. There were to be, about 20 guests. Almost at the arrival



Sir Malcolm Campbell (with Dorothy Lady Campbell) at the wheel of Bluebird on Loch Lomond.

time Campbell decided he would like to go horse-racing.

His new wife reminded him of the guests. He replied: "I MUST go for a ride—and off he went."

"He returned," says Lady Campbell, "almost an hour later after everyone had begun to make semi-audible remarks about the absence of their host."

"He came in in riding kit, with a curt 'Shan't be long,' went upstairs and changed, and then joined the party to be the charming host he knew so well how to be."

She found it impossible to keep a servant in the house for more than a few weeks. Malcolm would bring two or three mechanics in their working clothes into the house and demand food for them a couple of hours after dinner was ready.

"It was no use protesting," says Lady Campbell. "It's my house, and I'll do as I damned well like in it!" was all the satisfaction to be got."

The Children

With the two children it was also difficult.

"He was genuinely fond of all children, and especially of his own. But he did not like their ways of expressing their appreciation of the joys of being alive."

"His children had parties, of course, but these were

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The Problems Of Marshal Tito

By
VERNON BARTLETT

WHAT seems new today," said one Yugoslav Minister to me, "will seem old within three months." Certainly no other country in Europe is passing through such rapid and bewildering changes.

In the process of defending themselves against the Cominform the Yugoslav Communists are evolving a blend of Marxism more orthodox than that of the Russians and of Liberalism based upon the capitalist law of supply and demand.

What the outcome will be I don't pretend to know; one of the immediate consequences is that Ministers who a year ago would shun social contact with the "Fascist imperialists" of the Western World have become accessible and amiable.

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YOU cannot talk to one of them for ten minutes without being told that the State is "withering away," as forecast by Marx and Engels, whose immense and bearded portraits were carried by the dozen in Belgrade's May Day procession. In Russia, the Minister will explain, all

power has been centralised and all initiative has thereby been killed; Yugoslavia has seen the danger in time, and is now the only faithful exponent of the Marxist doctrine.

Even the old slogan, "workers of the world, unite," which has been out of fashion for some time in Communist countries, reappeared on the May Day programme, as though to proclaim that the "deviationists" are not to be found in this country.

Marshal Tito is driven to change his policy in this way by both economic and ideological considerations. He must retain the confidence of his Communist Party and he must find a new and better way of filling his people's stomachs.

Although there are more consumer goods in the shop windows than there were two years ago—including such bourgeois articles as perfumes and ice-cream cornets—the prices are fantastic and they are still rising.

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EVEN the workers in the highest ration categories cannot live reasonably on their rations; they have to earn extra money, so that they can buy food in the "free" market at many times the controlled prices. The lucky ones find part-time jobs, some have a room they can let, some hire out their furniture to members of the diplomatic corps. But in a country where a fairly good suit costs a senior civil servant about five months' salary no government could expect to be popular. Incidentally, at the official rate of exchange and in the "free" market, a 40-watt electric bulb would cost me 34s. and a bicycle about £140!

To put all the blame for these prices on the Government is, of course, unfair. Among the allied countries Poland alone may have suffered more during the war. One million seven hundred thousand Yugoslavs lost their lives. Forty percent of the industries, 80 percent of the hospitals, 100 percent of the mining equipment and 45 percent of the railway lines were destroyed or badly damaged. It took two years to clean away the rubble of Belgrade, by hand and in peasant carts, before re-

building could begin on any serious scale.

But the attempt to conform with Moscow's policy for Communist States cost the Yugoslavs a terrible price. The skeletons can no longer be hidden in cupboards by censorship or secret police.

One, immense and forlorn, stands by the road leading into Belgrade from the airfield. It is the skeleton of the Praesidium, or Cabinet offices, which was half-built in the more ostentatious days of the Communist dictatorship but has been left untouched for the last year. And it is only one of several large but unfinished buildings dotted about Belgrade.

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THE reasons for these expensive skeletons? One is that inefficient planning, accentuated by a bad drought, has left the Government without the foreign exchange needed to import paint and fittings that cannot be manufactured at home.

Another reason, which is probably the main weakness of all the Communist States, is that the backward peasant cannot be changed in the space of a few months into an efficient artisan.

His politics may become easier to control when he joins the industrial proletariat, but his work becomes unbelievably shoddy.

A good plumber is uncommon in Belgrade as a palm tree in the Sahara.

So the Yugoslavs have turned to the writings of Marx and have found the justification for reversing the stream of labour from the village to the town.

The State must "wither away," and peasants who were encouraged to come to Belgrade two or three years ago are now urged to return to their land or to work in the mines. Neither prospect attracts them.

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THE withering process is still less agreeable to the State officials. Last month the number of Ministers in both the Federal and the Republican Governments were roughly halved as a precaution against what Marshal Tito has referred to as "the infectious disease called bureaucracy... one of the worst enemies of Socialism."

This must have involved the dismissal of thousands of civil servants, who lose not only their salaries but also the privileged ration cards which, in a Communist State, raise the manual worker, the party member and the civil servant so far above people who are not considered to be of much national importance.

It will be seen, then, that Marshal Tito is faced by grave difficulties, and his Ministers are the first to admit that they are still groping after solutions—indeed, their absence of dogmatism makes them refreshingly different from all other Communists.

Their efforts deserve to be followed with sympathy, for they seem to be part of that most difficult of all political experiments, the evolution of a dictatorship towards a democracy.

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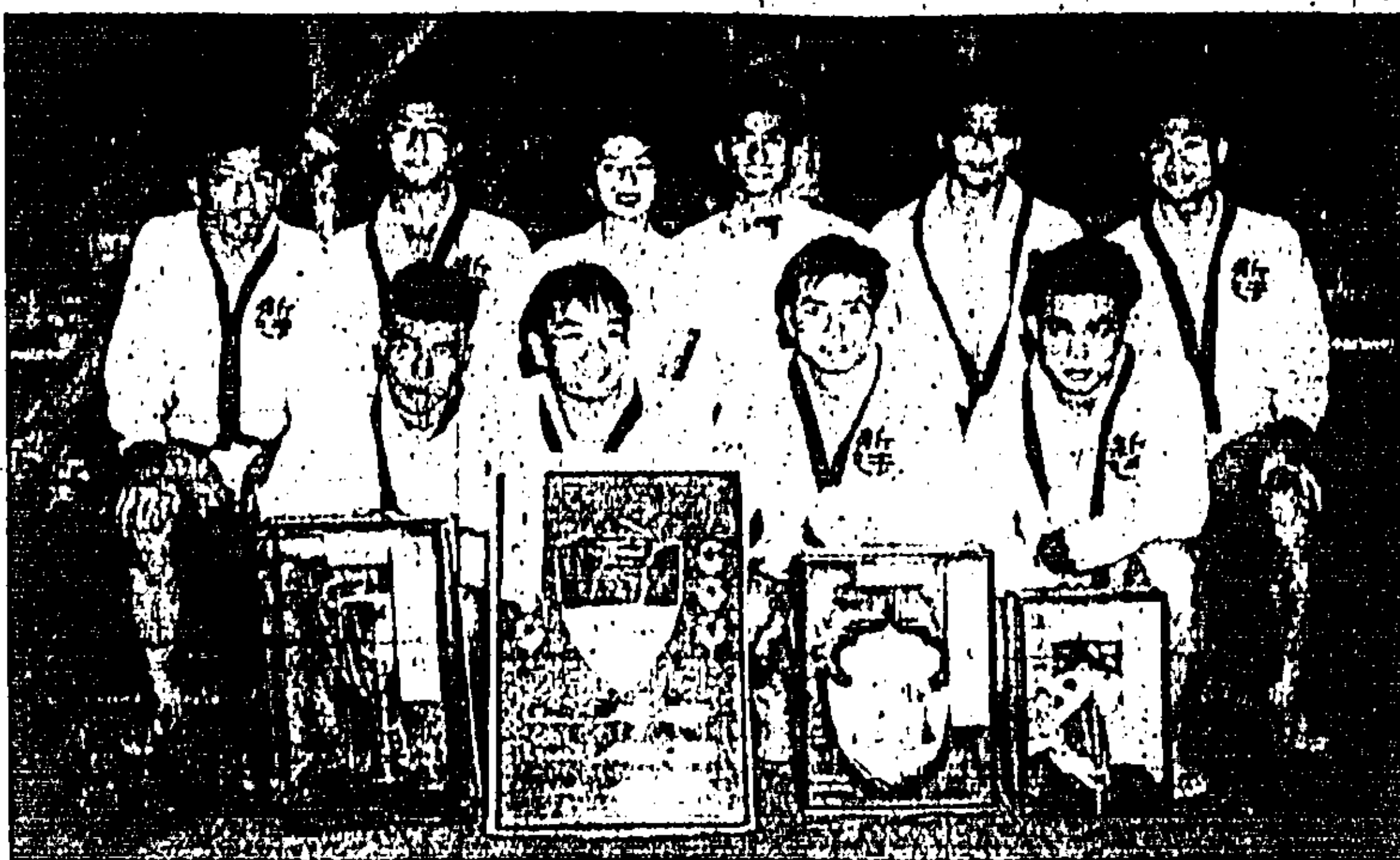
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SCHOOLS' SWIMMING CHAMPIONS



The New Method English School team who won the inter-school swimming championship meet sponsored by the Chinese Swimming Association which concluded yesterday.

From left to right are:

Back row: Wong Kam-chi, Wong Kwai-chi, Mrs C. S. Wong, Mr C. S. Wong (principal of New Method School), Wong Kam-wah, Cheung Chung-yiu.
Front row: Shum Kam-chu, Woo Chi-yin, Lau Ping and Tong Cheung-sing.



Miss Fung Yee-chee of Belilos Public School, who won four first places, bettering the Chinese National records in the 50m. and 100m. free style and the inter-school record in the 100m. backstroke and free style events.—China Mail Photos.

SPLASH OF SEVEN MORE RECORDS BY SCHOOL SWIMMERS

The third inter-school swimming meet sponsored by the Hongkong Chinese Swimming Association concluded yesterday at the Chung Shing bathing pavilion with a splash of seven further record times and the crowning of two new school champion teams.

After having to be content with second place the last two years, New Method English School showed excellent team spirit to win the boys' schools championship for the first time in the history of the school, defeating Wah Yan, the holders, even before the last relay race was swum off.

Belilos Public School annexed the girls' school championship by the comfortable margin of 30 points over their nearest rivals, Maryknoll.

Star individual performers of the Meet were Cheong Kin-man of Wah Yan in the boys' section and Fung Yee-chee of Belilos School in the girls'.

Cheong took first places in all the four individual races he competed in, bettering the Chinese National records in the 100 and 400 metres, and Miss Fung scored the same number of first places, setting National record times in the Women's 50, 200 and 400 metres free style events.

IN A CLASS BY HERSELF

Another prominent swimmer in the Meet was the Colony breast stroke queen, Miss Kwok Kam-ngor of Maryknoll, who not only showed that she was in a class by herself in winning the 200 metres breast stroke event comfortably in a better

than National record time but also swam the 200 and 400 metres free style with the breast stroke all the way to take second places in both.

Wong Kam-wah and Wong Kwai-chi of New Method School, though winning only one first place between them, were largely responsible for their School's victory. Their consistent performance throughout brought a flow of second and third place points and paved the way to their team's convincing triumph in the two relay races.

BOBBY LOCKE QUALIFIES WITH 149

Worthing, May 31.

Bobby Locke, South African holder of the British open title, will have to produce some shattering golf if he is to repeat his last year's performance in winning the Spalding Golf Tournament.

Locke was among 47, including two amateurs, who qualified today for the final 36 holes with an aggregate of 152 or better. Locke had 149—seven strokes behind the leader, John Hargreaves, member of a Midlands club.

A 30-mile an hour wind with gusts of double that velocity swept across the Worthing course and yesterday's leaders found it tougher going today.

FALLEN BEHIND

Norman Von Nida (Australia), Lauri Ayton (Worthing) and the Worthing amateur, Steve Tredinnick, had fallen behind. Ayton was the best of them with 144, Tredinnick had 145 and Von Nida 146.

Last year Locke and other leading players were scoring in the sixties, but today no one broke 70. Those on the 152 mark must have been glad to find themselves among the qualifiers.

Von Nida never struck Wednesday's form of 30 strokes for the inward nine holes. Nothing went right for the little Australian who once had to admonish talkative spectators.

John Hargreaves had a consistent 72 as the result of excellent woodwork and putting accuracy.

One stroke behind him are Wally Smithers, Antonio Cerda, from the Argentine, Dal Rice, Tom Halliburton and Arthur Lees.

Not for a long time has Locke found himself a qualifier by only three strokes. He was out of touch on the greens and single putted at only one hole.

"Rapier" Looks Over Tomorrow's Chances At The Races

The Sixth Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club at the Valley tomorrow afternoon will be the last for the first part of the season. Racing will be resumed on September 22.

The First Saddling bell will be rung tomorrow at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

The two Champion Stakes will form the main attraction in a programme of 11 events, and keen racing should be the order of the day.

Followers of Mr Cecil Renfrew will regret to learn that he will not be in the saddle tomorrow afternoon, as he left the Colony by plane for England via Rome and Paris last Tuesday on his honeymoon.

We have a French rider from Tientsin in the person of Mr Samarcq, who has had a great deal of racing experience up North, making his local debut and he has been booked to ride Happy Farmers, Century and High Straight in tomorrow's meeting.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Batteries Park Handicap (First Section)—1-1/4 Miles.

The day's programme opens with a race over the Champion distance for class 4 Australian Ponies to be ridden by Novice Jockeys.

Among the entries, I don't think we need look further than Empress of Peace (Mr Chun Kit) and The Hopeful (Mr Yen Ching Lan) in search of the winner.

Empress of Peace for its win in the Sheffield Handicap (First Section) for Class 5 ponies at the last meeting with Mr Robert Tsai up has incurred a 2 lbs. penalty and will be carrying 147 lbs.

Even in spite of this extra weight its stable connections are fully confident that it will walk away with this race, as the pony will be taken out by Mr Chun Kit who requires one more win to graduate from the Novice class.

It will be strongly challenged by The Hopeful, winner of the Manchester Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting for Class 6 ponies, which is suited for a gruelling race and may give it a good fight. Mr Austin will take out Briscoe although it ran unplaced with Mr Boycott up the last time out. This pony is quite at home over this distance and may create an upset.

The Stranger (Mr C. A. Lee) and United Victory (Mr Tseng) can be relied on to do well.

SECOND RACE

Green Park Stakes (First Section)—From The 1-1/2 Mile Post.

This race is confined to Australian Ponies Class 10. Weight 147 lbs. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since 1st January, 1951. Limit to penalty 12 lbs.

A good start here will make all the difference between winning and losing, and I would suggest that a careful note be taken of the draw for positions.

Harvard (Mr Tseng) and Jettie (Mr Liu) will be carrying tipweights of 159 lbs. and for that reason alone I don't think they can win.

The best bet, however, should be Mercury (Mr Maitland). I am nominating it to win in spite of the terrible manner in which it let its backers down at the Mount Nicholson Handicap (Second Section) over Six Furlongs when it ran unplaced.

Big Bluff (Mr K. Kwok) and Happy Farmers (Mr Samarcq) are my selections for the other positions with Krazy Kat (Mr Holgate) as the outsider.

THIRD RACE

Hyda Park Stakes (First Section)—One Mile.

This race will be contested by Australian Ponies of 1951 whether they have started before or not. Ponies that have won \$1,000 or more in stakes are barred. Weight 147 lbs.

Looking at the entries, I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the ponies to watch in this race are John Halifax (Mr F. C. Wood), Cocktail Tea (Mr H. C. Wood), Geronimo (Mr M. L. Wang) and Filibuster II (Mr B. L. Tao).

John Halifax is my choice and I think it should win, but Cocktail Tea is not to be ignored, as this pony is quite dependable over this distance.

Geronimo and Filibuster II may have something to say with regard to the other position, but I am afraid they are not good enough against the above mentioned two ponies.

FOURTH RACE

Regents Park Handicap (First Section)—From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

In this race for the first lot of Australian Ponies Class 7, the likely winner should come from among Southeast Wind (Mr Oliveira), Crown Witness (Mr Robert Tsai), Silver Fox (Mr B. L. Tao) and Ringier (Mr F. Noddy).

Southeast Wind, in view of its win in the Rocky Bay Handicap (First Section) over the 1-1/4 miles at the Fifth Race Meeting, is the likeliest winner, while Crown Witness, which won the second section of the above race, can be depended on to make a good fight of it. It does not win it should at least place.

Silver Fox is good enough to win as it is capable of lasting the full distance coupled with its good form at the moment.

Ringier should also be worth considering over the distance as the pony has regained some of its old form during morning gallops.

FIFTH RACE

Champion Stakes—1-1/4 Miles.

This is the first Champions race of the afternoon and is confined to Australian Ponies of previous seasons' winners and placed ponies at race meetings of this club held since December 31, 1950 only. Australian Ponies of 1951 are barred. Weight 147 lbs. Ponies are to be ridden by Riders approved by the Stewards.

I expect to see the following facing the starter: Skymaster (Mr Tao), Panda (Mr Liu), Bashful Beauty (Mr Oliveira), Clontekie (Mr K. Kwok), High Speed (Mr Ostroumoff) and Vagabond King (Mr K. F. Chiu).

The obvious choice seems to be Skymaster, owing to its win in the Saxon Challenge Cup over this distance.

Panda, however, must not be disregarded as Mr Liu handles this pony perfectly and I think it has more than an outside chance.

On the other hand, there are Bashful Beauty and Clontekie both to be reckoned with, as they are now well turned up for this race and should give the above two ponies a great battle.

Regarding High Speed and Vagabond King, I am afraid they can be left alone.

SIXTH RACE

Griffiths Champion Stakes—1-1/4 Miles.

This is the second Champions race of the afternoon and is confined to Australian Ponies of 1951, (winners and placed ponies only). Weight 147 lbs. Ponies are to be ridden by riders approved by the Stewards.

Judging from its last outing, when it came first in the Hongkong Derby at the Whitsun Race Meeting over 1 1/2 miles, but was later disqualified owing to interference by the bend approach, I think the 1-1/2 mile Post, I think London 17 (Mr Hsu) is the best.

Without belittling the opposition, I am of the opinion that London 17 should win, and probably without much difficulty.

Gold Medal (Mr Tao), which was second in the above race but officially declared the winner, should give London 17 a good run up to a certain stage, but I do not think it is good enough to extend it.

It should take the second position with Squadron Leader (Mr Kwok) fighting out the third position with Norseman (Mr Pote-Hunt).

SEVENTH RACE

Green Park Stakes (Second Section)—From The 1-1/2 Mile Post.

Second Section of Class 10 Australian Ponies will try conclusions here.

Kingslayer (Mr Kwok) has been leading at the door of success for a long time and I think its chances are rather bright. It came fourth at the last meeting in the Birmingham Handicap (Second Section) and provided Mr Kwok can get it off to a good start, it may win.

Sister (Mr Ph) is the next pony to be considered although it failed to gain a place the last time out.

Flying Wheel (Mr Liu) is a fast mover and can be depended upon to make a fight of it.

Fearless Witness (Mr Hsu) is another likely winner as this pony is fast over this distance and it should certainly be well backed.

I think this combination is well worth a ticket each way. Small Dragon will again be in the charge of Mr Tao but I doubt if it is good enough to give the above mentioned ponies any worry.

EIGHTH RACE

St. James Park Stakes—1 Mile.

This race will be contested by Australian Ponies of 1951, winners only. Ponies that have won more than \$3,000 in stakes are barred. Weight 147 lbs.

Lake Success (Mr Chuang) and Lone Triumpher (Mr Kwok), which came in first in the Somerset Stakes (First and Second Section), respectively, at

the last meeting, will figure in the finish for main honours in this race, with the latter my fancy for the first position.

For an outsider keep Kentucky Lad (Mr Maitland) in mind, as an upset here is quite possible.

NINTH RACE

Batteries Park Handicap (Second Section)—1-1/4 Miles.

This event will be contested by the second lot of Australian Ponies Class 4.

For its win at the Fourth Race Meeting in the Mount Davis Handicap (Second Section) over the two mile post, Honey Dew (Mr T. L. Wong) has been promoted to a class higher coupled with a penalty of 7 lbs. and on that account I am not placing much reliance on Honey Dew to win.

Dobutane (Mr Ostroumoff), which came third in the Mount Gough Handicap (First Section) over the mile at the Fourth Race Meeting with Mr F. Noddy up is penalised by 3 lbs. and is a decided danger. It has a good chance of winning here.

Harmony (Mr Robert Tsai) has been steadily improving and I expect it to give a good account of itself over this distance.

Then there is My Darling (Mr Shieh) to be considered as it is good over this distance.

Xorxes (Mr Oliveira) is another pony to bear in mind as an outsider as it is carrying only 137 lbs.

TENTH RACE

Hyda Park Stakes (Second Section)—One Mile.

This event is confined to the second section of Australian Ponies of 1951—whether they have started or not. Ponies that have won \$1,000 or more in stakes are barred. Weight 147 lbs.

Fleetmaster (Mr T. L. Wong), by virtue of its fourth placing in the Somerset Stakes (Third Section) at the last meeting over the two miles post, will no doubt be in big demand.

I, however, prefer Prince Dahlia (Mr Kwok), although unplaced in the above race (second section), as this pony has been running quite well in morning gallops follow the guidance of Mr Kwok.

Ringway will again be taken out by Mr F. Noddy, but this pony has disappointed so many times that I am not too confident regarding its ability to beat the above two ponies.

Beautiful Star (Mr Chen Poo) ran unplaced the last time out with Mr Hsu up and is good enough to extend those named above as mount and jockey form a good combination.

ELEVENTH RACE

Regents Park Handicap (Second Section)—From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

This is the last race of the day and will be contested by the second section of Australian Ponies Class 7.

Souvenir (Mr Holgate), after coming in second in the Rocky Bay Handicap (First Section) over the Champion distance at the Fifth Race Meeting with Mr Kwok up, has been penalised by 5 lbs. As the distance tomorrow afternoon is shorter, it should stand a good chance of winning.

Kwong Leung (Mr Shieh) was third in the above race and will prove a menace to Souvenir. Bonnie Eyes will again be taken out by Mr Ostroumoff. Although unplaced in this same race, it is good over this distance and has a good chance of creating an upset.

Huntmaster (Mr Kwok), which lost to Crown Witness by a short head in the above race (second section) is not bad. In view of the distance, I recommend bearing it in mind.

Wonderful Coin (Mr Chuang) despite its poor performance the last time out with Mr Young up should not be disregarded as it goes well with Mr Chuang during morning gallops.

QUEEN OF SHEBA LOOKS GOOD e-w BET FOR OAKS

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

Unbent Belle of All remains the unchallenged Oaks favourite at 6-1. She was the only one of the leading division at the end of the 1,000 Guineas who had not enjoyed a previous race this season.

She will have improved considerably as a result of that race, and is clearly a high-class filly.

It is not expected that any of those who finished behind her at Newmarket will be able to reverse placings on Oaks day, and the dangers will come from elsewhere.

W. Hickaby, who considered himself most unlikely not to beat Belle of All on Subtle Difference, is likely to choose Staffa to ride in the Oaks instead of his 1,000 Guineas mount. This is particularly significant, for Staffa has won her only race this season.

WON IN A CANTER

It was over the Epsom mile and she won in a canter from Cambrian, who later let the form down by running almost last in the 1,000 Guineas.

Staffa, who had an easy season last year, has developed really well physically and is a beautifully bred for a classic, being by Hyperion out of Jilly, the dam of the Derby winner, Ocean Swell.

Queen of Sheba proved at Chester, when winning the Cheshire Oaks over a mile and a half, that she could at least stay the distance.

This is what one would expect from a daughter of Persian Gulf. She then went to Ireland and yesterday won the 2,000 Guineas over a mile, defeating Lady Godiva five lengths, with the third horse 10 lengths further away in a field of 16.

Queen of Sheba therefore possesses both speed and stamina and her present Oaks price of 20-1 looks particularly attractive as an each-way proposition.

NO STAMINA DOUBTS

Second to Queen of Sheba at Chester was Quickwood, beaten three lengths. This filly has made tremendous physical improvement since last season. It was her first race of the year, and she can prove her well-being again at Manchester tomorrow in the Lancashire Oaks. E. Britt has the mount.

She is by Precipitation, from a Solario mare, so there can be no stamina doubts in her case. She won once in three outings last season and at present stands at 50-1 in the Oaks betting.

Staffa, Quickwood and Queen of Sheba appear at present to be the only serious rivals to Belle of All.

Henry Longhurst On GOLF Sweet Harmony

London.

A matter of lasting importance is the common code of golf rules which representatives of the United States and Britain have worked out here for submission to the United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient.

The USGA's executive committee meets in June, while St Andrews will submit the suggested rules to the business meeting in September. Were all to go smoothly, it might just be possible to get the new rules agreed, printed, and in operation by January 1.

The whole business seems at first sight so uncommonly good that the names of those concerned deserve restating. They were: United States, Isaac B. Guisinger (chairman), Richard Tuffe, Joe DeG, Great Britain, Dr H. Gardiner-Hill (chairman), Lord Brabazon, Roger Wethered, Col. J. Inglis, Col. J. S. Mitchell, Dr James Lawson.

These two "negotiating bodies," as they were called, met in a spirit not of two-sided negotiation, but as one body with a common aim. Differences of opinion were not so much between the Americans and the British, as between an assortment of British and American on one side and an equally mixed bag on the other—the whole atmosphere being summed up by Wethered with: "Normally I would rather do four years penal servitude than four days, arguing the Rules of Golf, but I enjoyed every minute of it."

The proposed rules have yet to be drafted—a task to which they are more than welcome now engaging the attention of DeG and Col. Inglis. Only broad intention is so far stated, so this is no time to quibble on points of detail. Thus for our old friend the stymie the sentence is simply a curt "abolition." Its extinction will be regretted by a few golfers and all golf correspondents by about the third week in February.

With it goes the "unplayable ball" rule. Back to stroke and distance with "lost" and "out of bounds," with a proviso this time that clubs are not to contract out by making the latter "distance only."

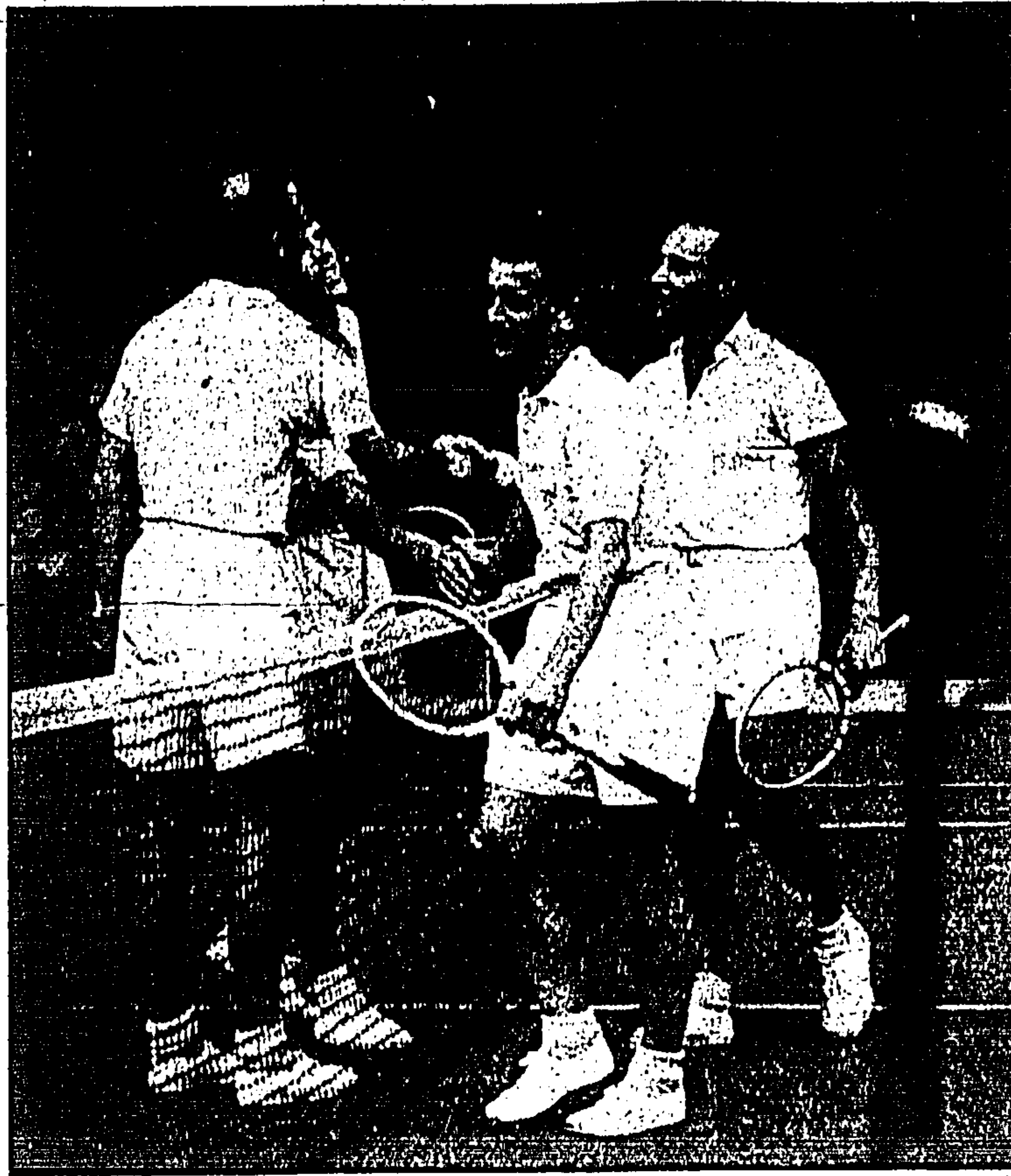
CENTRE-SHAFT PUTTER

They Schenectady centre-shafted putter will be legal here as well as in America, and many will swear by it. It yielded the faintest advantage we may be sure that Hogan would have used it for years.

The U.S. may jib at permitting our smaller ball as well as their large one, thus making both legal in both countries. Mr. Granger's opinion, with which I agree, is that this would lead to a "wave of trial" of the small ball, with most U.S. golfers going back to the big one on finding that in lush outdoor fairways the small one tends almost to vanish.

I offer only one criticism. A rule is suggested against practice shots, "including the re-trying of putts." Can this possibly work? What is the penalty to be? Having lost this hole and having then tried my putt again, do I lose a stroke at the next? At all costs let us have no more rules like the stymie, which the main body of golfers politely

BRITAIN'S DAVIS CUP VICTORY



Shaking hands after the Davis Cup doubles match at Wimbledon—Geoff Paish and Tony Mottram of Britain (left) and France's Abdeslam and Remy. The British pair won 7-5, 6-3, 8-6, 6-4.

ESSEX DECLARE WITH A SEVEN RUN LEAD ON THE SOUTH AFRICANS

Ilford, Essex, May 31.

T. C. Dodds, the Essex batsman, became the third player to hit a century off the South Africans when he scored 138 runs here today.

It was mainly due to him that the county were able to gain a seven-run lead on the first innings after the tourists had declared at their overnight total of 312 runs for nine wickets.

When Essex reached 319 runs for seven they, too, declared and in the half hour that remained the South Africans scored 12 runs without loss in their second innings.

Dodds batted with a blend of vigour and discretion, hooking and straight driving with great power. He hit 18 fours in his stay of just over four hours.

He and Avery gave the innings a good start by scoring 50 in as many minutes but when Gibb joined him the rate dropped. After Gibb had left for a patient 30, Horsfall hit a bright 38, but it was left to Insole, the Essex captain, to really collar the bowling.

Insole was at the wicket for 70 minutes and in that time he hit 60, including eight fours.

When he left Essex were 201 runs for five wickets, but the county had to fight hard for the first innings lead when two more wickets fell for the addition of eight runs.

The South Africans attack was steady but not really hostile on an easy paced wicket. Mann was the most successful, taking three wickets for 70 runs, and his slow left-arm bowling at times commanded respect.—Reuter.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

London, May 31.
The following were today's close of play scores in first-class cricket matches played:

At Lords: Middlesex 335 for eight declared and 148 for seven (Robertson 50). Warwickshire 105 (Spencer 50). Sims, right-arm, slow legbreak bowler, six for 70.

At Oxford: Oxford University 428 (Dowling 105). Nottinghamshire 335 for one (Simpson 149 not out, Giles 137).

At Southampton: Surrey 441 for eight declared (McIntyre 81). Hampshire 172 (Eagar 85). Laker, right-arm offspin bowler, six for 53. Bedser, right-arm fast medium bowler, four for 20, and 51 for one.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 465, Somerset 240 for six (Tromlett 147 not out).

At Worcester: Leicestershire 205 and 187 for eight, Worcester 284 (Kenny 100).

At Bradford: Gloucestershire 287 and 58 for two, Yorkshire 340 (Wilson 60, Yardley 57, Watson 50).—Reuter.

THE SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

The FA Cup Is On Show —But Not In London

By DAVID JACK

First-week visitors to the Sporting Trophies Exhibition in London saw the FA Cup, which was taken to Wembley just in time for presentation to Newcastle United skipper Joe Harvey. Visitors to the exhibition in the next six months will have to be content with a picture in the catalogue.

Why? Because the trophy, which probably means more than any of the others to the ordinary man, is staying on Tyneside. Director Stan Seymour says: "It took a lot of hard work to win that Cup, so why should we send it back to London for six months?"

He considers the famous "pot" can help Tyneside's Festival activities which, to the North-East, are just as important as anything happening in London.

Incidentally, the Scottish Cup is 3,000 odd miles away just now—in the possession of Celtic, who are touring the United States.

Hamilton Academicals are prepared to release several players, and Villa's George Martin has been prospecting in Scotland. Coincidence?

Possibly the most excited person at Ninian Park for the Wales—Portugal Soccer international was Staffordshire referee George Roden, who in his first international ran the line for Bill Ling.

George is well qualified for the job on stamina grounds, having finished 62nd, to Jack Holden in the 1938 national cross-country championship. That was Holden's first National victory and his after-race remark is worth recalling. "Now I've done everything and I shan't win anything else." Rather premature—fortunately for Britain.

COLD SHOULDER TO HOCKEY

Looks as if the Olympic Games cold shoulder is being given to hockey devotees. Finland's Olympic organisers have decided to invite a maximum of four nations to Helsinki for the hockey tournament, and preliminaries must be held all over the world to whittle teams down to this ridiculously small number.



Batsmen facing Kent pace bowler Fred Ridgway never know quite what to expect. Fred's normal long run up to the wicket—he nearly disappeared down the footballers' tunnel at Northampton during the week—is frequently changed to one of four or five paces, but long run or short he's well on the way to making Test grade as—forecast by sports editor Harold Mayes as long ago as February.

PLAYED MANY "BLINDERS"
Fulham's own "Uncle Joe" Bacuzzi has played many "blindners" this season, not least among them being his taming of Highbury starlet Reuben Marten, but how many Craven Cottage fans know that Bacuzzi had a pre-match briefing from a King's Cross station ticket collector before that Arsenal match?

The railway employee, who seems to know nearly as much about the Highbury lads as Tom Whitaker, gave Bacuzzi a list of Marten's strong and weak points. Joe said: "Thanks"—and had his best game of the season.



Wonder what the South Africans would say if they were told they'd been sent to England to play dreistabens-chagerspiel? This word, and a half means "knocking three sticks game" and is the German term for cricket.

I'm told that Clyde inside-forward Tommy King is just about the best prospect in Scotland. Few which might tempt him South now will be chicken feed in twelve months' time.

Cardiff City right back Ron Stiffell, who has been on the injured list most of the season, must have had mixed feelings about the capping of his deputy, Glyn Williams, against Switzerland. Stiffell is rated several rungs higher than Williams at Ninian Park, which would have made him automatic deputy for

Incidentally, after being treated for three months for every complaint in the book, Ron has now had a successful

Another Chance For Jersey Joe

Chicago, May 31.
Champion Ezzard Charles agreed today to box Jersey Joe Walcott in a 15-round world heavyweight title bout in Pittsburgh on July 10.—Associated Press.

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The Doubting Thomases Of Festival Football Have Been Put To Flight

Says RAYMOND GLENDENNING

The Doubting Thomases of Festival Football have been put to flight. Before the event they did not believe that soccer out of season was worth the effort.

The crowds, they said, will never turn up! The players will be stale! There are too many small clubs involved!

A brief look-back as we say good-bye to soccer proves them quite wrong.

Britain Plans Swim Courses

By Millie Hudson

The Amateur Swimming Association have planned the new season's programme with the 1952 Olympic Games in mind rather than the Festival of Britain.

They have invited the Scottish and Welsh Swimming Association each to send a representative to serve with three English members on the newly formed Olympic Games (1952) Management Committee.

Harry Koskie, chief Olympic swimming adviser in 1948, has again been selected. The other Englishmen are Ken Martin and Harold Fern, who has stated his 30th year as secretary of the ASA.

The Southern Counties will approve selections made by their Speed Committee of coaches and four Southern scholarship winners for the ASA advanced training course at Loughborough College.

(London Express Service)

Although the programme of well over 100 matches against sides talking 13 different languages involved a terrific feat of organisation—and let us pay tribute to the FA's back-room boys here—and was in effect a gamble, there is no doubt that the gamble has come off.

The crowds did come. Not only to the international—one expected 70,000 at Hampden and 35,000 in Cardiff, to say nothing of a full house at Wembley—but they supported the smaller games well too.

Ten thousand watched Headington play R. Ixelles, 15,000 saw Swansea take on Eindhoven. Bradford had a similar gate against Partizan to quote but three.

What is all the more remarkable is that these were all mid-week evening matches.

This significant point should not be missed. With flood-lighting of matches obtaining official recognition here is a possible solution to the Football League's boggy—the clutter of "end-of-season" matches.

I know these games would have to be played much earlier on, but May's most disappointing weather has made the test all the truer.

EASE STRAIN

Come to think of it, if in addition the FA and the Rugby League were to swap dates at Wembley with the Cup Final played on a special Saturday

after the League season ends, the strain on players of, say, three matches in six days could be eliminated altogether.

This Soccer Festival has done one other thing, apart from providing popular entertainment. It has brought us an enormous amount of good-will.

I've had the chance of speaking to a good many of our visitors.

The one thing they all praise is not so much our football as the fairness of our crowds, so you gentlemen of the terraces can take a friendly pat on the back from 13 nations at least as you turn off the terraces for the last time this season.

THE RECKONING

What's the final verdict on our soccer? Well, over-all we had played 133 games, won 87, drawn 27 and lost 19. Our tally of goals was 344 for and 151 against.

That's a comforting thought for managers and players alike as the boots are put by for a few months and our thoughts turn to cricket.

This brings me to the fact that the cricketers' Bible—the latest Wisden No. 38, is out. It doesn't seem to be any thicker than last year's, yet it seems to contain even more records than ever, amid the traditional wealth of cricket material.

